

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AMESBURY AREA BOARD, 29 May 2014

A303 & Rat Running - Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To update the board on the actions taken on this matter since the last board meeting in March.

2. Background

- 2.1 This has been a local priority for many years, but since recent escalation of rat running and congestion associated with the opening of the Stonehenge Visitor Centre, the board agreed to more aggressively pursue this matter since its meeting with community representatives in July 2013.

3. Update

3.1. Outcome of Multi Agency Meeting on the 24th March 2014

The board met with representatives from the police, highways agency, affected parish councils, local interest groups, English Heritage, National Trust, Wiltshire Council Highways and Rights of Ways to discuss what was being done to minimise disruption and delays around the visitors' centre, particularly mindful of the looming spring holidays. An action list from that meeting is attached at Appendix A – this includes a subsequent update response from the Highways Agency (HA) in red type.

Also, attached Appendices B and C are the responses from English Heritage and Wiltshire Council.

Recent approval has also been secured to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prevent waiting at any time in the vicinity of Airman's Corner roundabout. See Appendix D.

3.2. Traffic Flow Monitoring on Routes Surrounding the A303 Stonehenge Visitor Site

A survey was undertaken using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras at a series of locations in March and a further survey is planned to be repeated in the week commencing 4th August. These surveys are to identify routes used through the area, with a view to establishing the degree

of re-routing from the A303, its correlation with route delays and local impacts.

Officers have been working with consultants White Young Green, acting for the DIO, who have undertaken surveys at 29 stations between the east of Andover and Deptford, on the A303 and roads north and south in connection with rebasing proposals. These surveys are principally to establish traffic flows and turning movements at specific junctions on local roads where impacts could be material as a result of the additional housing requirements.

A presentation in relation to the ANPR survey will be given by Paul Chase of Atkins, who will explain the purpose for the study, methodology and some of the findings from the initial survey.

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